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STATE ENGINEER BENSEL AND THREE OTHER OFFICIALS ARE UNDER INVESTIGATION

His Name Linked With Those of Reel, Peck and Foley by Osborne.

PROSECUTOR WILL ACT.

Road Repair Contracts Involving \$3,000,000 Let Without Advertising or Bidding.

ALBANY, Jan. 17.—State Engineer John A. Bensen, Duncan W. Peck, Superintendent of Public Works, C. Gordon Reel, head of the old Highway Commission, and his maintenance deputy, Charles J. Foley, will be subjected to investigation by the District Attorney of Albany County upon the recommendation of James W. Osborne, who has been conducting an inquiry into the State Highway Department. Commissioner Osborne made this announcement to-day.

The instructions resulted from testimony given by former employees of the Highway Department, of which Bensen, Peck and Reel were the commissioners. To the effect that barely a dozen of more than three hundred repair contracts involving more than \$3,000,000 had been approved by the commission until work had begun on them and some of them paid for.

"I think there has been a deliberate violation of the law in which Commissioner Bensen, Peck and Reel and Deputy Foley were involved," said Commissioner Osborne. "I instruct you, Mr. Warner, to prepare the papers in this case as soon as possible and present them to the District Attorney of Albany County."

"There never has been such an outrage perpetrated with respect to the Highway law so far as I know. If any of these gentlemen wish to testify or give any explanation I shall be glad to hear it. They may appear by counsel."

CABLE PROMISES AID IN GETTING EVIDENCE.
Mr. Osborne got a promise from Highway Commissioner Carlisle to have a complete search made of the Highway Department's files in connection with these repair contracts as might be useful to the District Attorney.

The testimony which led up to this was given by Miss Helen A. Dolan, stenographer; Edward A. Carpenter, assistant secretary; Martin B. Hanlon and Edwin F. Weeks, highway inspectors in the old department. There is also documentary evidence.

"This old Highway Commission was simply a rubber stamp," said Osborne. "Foley did the business, and after it had been done the Commission approved it. He let contracts of his own initiative and without competitive bidding or advertising."

After a conference with Gov. Glynn, Commissioner Osborne announced that the executive had instructed him to go ahead with his investigations as rapidly as possible.

WILSON NOMINATES GORGAS.

Names Him Surgeon-General of the Army.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—President Wilson to-day nominated Col. William C. Gorgas to be Surgeon-General of the army with the rank of brigadier-general. Gorgas is the man who transformed Panama from a pestilence to a livable country. He was given a free hand on sanitary problems and worked on the theory that before the canal could be constructed the zone must be rid of yellow fever and other infectious diseases. He planned the living quarters for the workmen, constructed sewers and cement streets in the Central American towns, near the Zone, and instituted systematic "culling" of all stagnant pools to kill the malarial and yellow fever mosquitoes. His life is recognized as a model authority on sanitation and is at present claimed by the United States as the "Bismarck of the Tropics" at Johannesburg, South Africa. He was requested that he be permitted to devote salary measures in their work.

CORONER HOLDS UP LANKFORD FUNERAL BECAUSE OF LETTER

Finally Permits Burial to Proceed, After Bride-to-Be Becomes Hysterical.

SUICIDE IS ALLEGED.

Mysterious Note Declared Railroad Man Killed Himself by Design.

Coroner Ernest Wagner of Brooklyn issued an order at 11 o'clock A. M. to-day which temporarily halted the arrangements for the funeral of Richard D. Lankford, Vice-President and Secretary of the Southern Railway, who was found dead from gas asphyxiation last Thursday morning in the bathroom of his apartment at No. 142 Pacific street. The order was issued a few minutes after the conclusion of funeral services held in the room which had been occupied by Mr. Lankford.

The casket containing the body was held for an hour under police supervision while the coroner investigated statements made in a letter which reached him at 10 o'clock this morning. This letter charged that Mr. Lankford committed suicide, and that letters and papers would be found in his effects and in his safe deposit vault which would establish the truth of the accusation.

BODY TAKEN TO MARYLAND ON A SPECIAL CAR.

Upon representations made to him by friends of Mr. Lankford the coroner ordered the release of the body at 12:05 o'clock. The casket was hurried to the Pennsylvania Station and placed aboard a special car, which was attached to the Philadelphia train leaving at 1 o'clock. Funeral services will be held to-morrow morning at Princess Anne, Md., Mr. Lankford's birthplace, and the body will be interred there in the family burying ground to-morrow afternoon.

It had been planned to start with the body for Princess Anne on the train leaving at noon—the hour to-day at which Mr. Lankford was to have married Miss Nellie Patterson. Funeral services at the Pacific street house began at 10 o'clock and were conducted by Rev. Charles Carroll Abthorpe, pastor of the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, who was to have officiated at the wedding.

The pall-bearers were carrying the casket out of the room shortly after 11 o'clock, when Capt. McElroy of the Grand avenue station, who had been summoned to the telephone and instructed by the coroner to halt the proceedings pending an investigation.

The announcement of Capt. McElroy caused considerable excitement. Miss Patterson, who had borne up bravely under the strain of the funeral services, became hysterical and was attended by her brother and his wife. Two of Mr. Lankford's friends hurried to the office of Coroner Wagner.

The coroner explained about the letter. A. C. McCarthy, Mr. Lankford's assistant, said he had taken charge of Mr. Lankford's effects and turned them over to the Public Administrator and that there was no document of any nature indicating suicide among them.

WROTE IN LETTER ABOUT ACIDENT POLICY.

James H. Dennis of No. 50 Wall street, executor of Mr. Lankford's estate, said that all the safe deposit box contents were in a wedding ring and a relative letter addressed to Miss Patterson, which had not yet been delivered.

A COMPLETE NOVEL EACH WEEK.



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He promised to give this letter to the coroner.

The letter stated that Mr. Lankford took out a \$2,000 accident insurance policy last November. Mr. Lankford's friends explained to the coroner that he carried insurance all the time. Finally the coroner said he would allow the funeral arrangements to be carried out.

The pallbearers to-day were President Harrison, Vice-Presidents A. H. Andrews, J. M. Culp, H. B. Spencer, T. C. Powell, E. H. Chapman and General Counsel Alfred P. Thom of the Southern Railway. They will also officiate at the interment to-morrow.

SINKING FIVE-MASTER ABANDONED BY CREW

Men of the Fuller-Palmer, From Portland, Me., Picked Up at Sea by Rescue Steamer.

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 17.—The five-master schooner Fuller Palmer was abandoned at sea in a sinking condition. All hands were saved and are on their way to Baltimore in a steamer which picked them up. This information was received to-day by the managing owners in a message from Capt. L. W. Clarke of the Fuller Palmer. United States revenue cutters are trying to locate the wrecked vessel.

The Fuller Palmer was built at Bath six years ago at a cost of more than \$100,000. She registered 2,561 tons net, was 30 feet long, 45 feet beam and 27 feet deep. She ordinarily carried a crew of 12.

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HERE FROM MEXICO WRAPPED IN GOLD, COUNTING \$51,000

Jeweler Happy Refugee on Liner—Family of Lind's Secretary Also Back.

Various persons from Mexico smiled widely while alighting in relief as they caught a glimpse of the Goddess of Liberty guarding New York Bay and welcoming a welcome to the Ward Line Monterey steaming into port this morning. Refugees all, they disembarked at the pier in Brooklyn, mighty glad to get away from the land of revolution.

The Monterey came from Vera Cruz and Havana, and among its most grateful passengers was Mrs. Edna MacEachan, wife of Clinton E. MacEachan, secretary to Special Ambassador John Lind. She brought her two daughters, Dorothy, two years old, and Ruth, five months. Six days in Mexico was quite enough for Mrs. MacEachan and she is hastening back to the comfort and security of her home in Washington.

Secretary MacEachan has been sharing the troubles of Mr. Lind as representative of President Wilson, and he thought it would be nice to have his family with him. So his wife and daughters left New York on the Monterey Dec. 24. They were in Vera Cruz exactly six days when Mr. and Mrs. MacEachan decided unanimously that Mexico was no place for a Washington woman, especially considering the tender ages of the children.

A real, dyed-in-the-wool refugee who was a passenger on the Monterey is Louis Vign, a jeweler from Mexico City. He walked carefully down the gangplank, for he was unpolished with gold coin weighing 100 pounds. For some time, he said, the jewelry business in Mexico City has been nothing to brag about, and recently he started to buy up all the gold coins he could lay his hands on. After accumulating a goodly supply he started for Vera Cruz, but before he finally got away on the steamer he was compelled to pay tribute to government officials, railroad officials, letter carriers, postmen and hordes of others. But he managed to escape with \$21,000 in ten-

WORKERS MARCH LAUGHING FROM BURNING FACTORY

Patience in Fire Drill at Lorillard Tobacco Works Rewarded.

Patience and persistence, as practiced by Fire Chief E. J. Ryan of the P. Lorillard Tobacco Company works at Bay and Warren streets, Jersey City, for more than a year in drilling the 1,200 girls and 500 men and boys employed there, had its reward to-day. For the first time since he started the drills, which have been held three or four times a month, the alarm bells were rung for a real fire.

Within three minutes the 1,700 workers were out of the great seven-story building on the street, without a single shriek or shout or a bruise or a sprained ankle. Half an hour later the whole force was back at the benches and machines, but owing to the confusion caused by the water which had been poured into the building all hands were paid off and sent home.

The fire started in the drying room on the sixth floor, where new machinery was being installed. It is believed to have been kindled in loose tobacco by sparks from one of the new motors which was not working well.

Ryan was in his office near the Bay street entrance of the building, which covers the entire block. A message from the interior telephone system told him of the fire. He pressed two or three buttons and went out into the corridor and watched the fruit of his work. Out of the lofts, in double file, marched the girls and men of whom can speak English. They had not stopped to take their hats and coats from the lockers. They were chatting and laughing. Those on the lower floors did not know that the drill differed from the many others which have varied the routine of their work. Those from the upper floors were just as orderly.

When the city fire engines rolled up they found every employee watching them in orderly ranks from the sidewalk across the streets from the building. The flames were quickly extinguished. The damage to machinery and stock was estimated at \$10,000.

BOY DECLARES HIS AUNT HIRED HIM TO KILL ELLIS

BEARDSLEY SHOTS AT PEACEMAKERS FROM HOUSE FORT

Farmer at Bay, Using His Gun, Declares He Will Not Be Tricked Into Surrender.

MEN DODGE BULLETS.

Troops May Be Called Out to Aid Sheriff's Men in Ending Siege Now in Fifth Day.

MATVILLE, N. Y., Jan. 17.—The fifth day of the siege of Edward Beardsley in his farm house near Sumnerdale was ushered in by rapid firing from the Beardsley stronghold. Timothy Van Cise and William Walker, friends of Beardsley, who have up to date acted as "go-betweens" in the parleys which Sheriff Anderson and the beleaguered farmer have had, approached the house this forenoon hands above their heads. As they entered the yard they were halted by the whizzing of bullets sent over their heads from the attic window, Beardsley's lookout.

"Get out of here and stay out. You are trying to trap me into surrendering. You can't come here any more," he shouted Beardsley, as Van Cise and Walker turned and ran down the hill toward the Sheriff's camp.

The emissaries had gone to tell Beardsley that the police authorities of Matville, Pa., would not allow his brother, James Beardsley, to take the children into that State for fear that they might become a public charge.

With the repulse of Van Cise and Walker all immediate hope of a peaceful solution of the knotty problem facing the Sheriff and his posse has been abandoned.

ALL TRAFFIC STOPPED NEAR THE BEARDSLEY HOUSE.

Sheriff Anderson has stopped all traffic on the highway passing the Beardsley farm and no one is allowed to approach within a mile of the place.

A snowstorm was raging through this section of Chautauque County to-day, and the deputies from the ravine below the Beardsley house could scarcely distinguish the outlines of the dwelling, so heavy was the snowfall.

Carl Beardsley, the Jamestown brother, arrived at Matville this morning. He started immediately in a sleigh for the Beardsley farm, and the result of his conference with the beleaguered farmer will not be known until some time this afternoon.

Mrs. Beardsley is said to be sick and three of the children are also reported ill. A little "chunk" stove, which was donated to Beardsley some time ago by a neighbor named Margin, only saved the house from the freezing temperature prevailing out of doors.

Probability of a company of National Guardsmen being called out to aid in the siege of the home of Beardsley arose to-day. The desperate resistance of the farmer who is at bay has all but worn out Sheriff Anderson and his deputies. As the Sheriff's men have had but little sleep they have begun to complain of the hardships of the siege. Members of Company E of the National Guard live in Jamestown and they may be called out to aid in the siege.

"I know Beardsley's condition is becoming desperate," said Sheriff Anderson late to-day. "And I am not going to riddle the house with bullets to take him. In such event I would probably find one child or more dead and others needing medical attention. I expect the siege to end within another twenty-four hours."

Letters have been pouring in here addressed to the Sheriff. One from Boston contained \$1,000, another from New York, E. H. Ryan requested that the money be used for the support of the children when the siege is over.

STEAMSHIPS DUE TO-DAY.

Alliance Cristobal 10 A. M.
Palmer Liverpool 11 A. M.

"There's the Woman Who Hired Me," Prisoner Declares When Confronted by Relative and Man He Tried to Slay.

"YOU LIE," SHE CRIES WHEN NEPHEW FACES HER

Victim of Attempted Assassination Upholds Accused Woman, Who Works in His Office.

(Special to The Evening World.)
BERNARDSVILLE, N. J., Jan. 17.—Mrs. Grace Holly, a black-haired, dark-complexioned woman of about forty-five, a widow with a son almost as old as Paul Carl, whose aunt she is, was disclosed to-day as the woman who the young man says, inspired him to attempt the murder of Edward F. Ellis, wealthy lumber dealer of this place, in his Banking Ridge house on Nov. 20, 1911.

WEEP YE! NOT A MAYOR IN TOWN TILL MONDAY!

Mitchell Goes Away, Ditto McAneny, Likewise Esterbrook—What's to Happen to Us All?

New York is to be without any kind of a Mayor whatever, in so far as actual on-the-jobness is concerned, from late this afternoon until Monday morning. The charter provides that in the absence of the Mayor from the city shall be the Acting Mayor, and in the absence of both these officials the Vice-Chairman of the Board shall act. No further provision is made.

Mayor Mitchell left for Philadelphia this afternoon to attend a dinner and will not return until Monday. President of the Board of Aldermen McAneny goes to Connecticut this evening to remain until Monday. Alderman O. Grant Esterbrook, vice-chairman of the board, is on the bounding deep on the way to Bermuda.

We should worry.

SIX CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH IN HOME

Mother Escapes by Jumping From Window of House Swept by Flames.

COBOCONK, Ont., Jan. 17.—Six children of Mrs. Weatherby were burned to death to-day when fire destroyed their home. The mother escaped by jumping from the window. The children were between the ages of two and twelve, four of them girls.

BRADY ESTATE \$80,000,000.

Inheritance Tax Will Be Paid in Albany Next Thursday.

ALBANY, Jan. 17.—Inheritance taxes on the estate of Anthony N. Brady, traction and gas magnate, will be paid next Thursday morning, Comptroller Schaner said to-day. New York will then receive between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000, estimating the estate's value from \$50,000,000 to \$80,000,000.

Because the report of the appraisers in New York City has not been filed the definite amount of the tax is not known.

MAP OUT THAW CASE PLANS.
Jerome and Carmody Have Long Conference in Albany.

ALBANY, Jan. 17.—William Travers Jerome and Attorney-General Carmody held a long conference to-day over plans to continue their fight to bring Harry K. Thaw back to Matewan. Both refused to discuss the meeting.

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